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#### Dear Friends,

Can it be that another school year has already come to a close? It might be yesterday that we sat in your class, "Mr. Kay", gathered around your desk in the informal group which made us feel more like a family than teacher and students. Never shall we forget your ever-cheerful smile, Miss Dorland, which made turning in our salary not quite so painful! Nor, Miss Chambers, shall we forget how you worked with and for us in the initial organization and continued planning of our school paper and annual.

A year has now passed since you left. In these months we have come to realize more fully just how much your friendship, counsel, and guidance have meant to us. And although you are no longer here, your examples of Christian living in work and play have become a part of our lives.

Because sharing with you has always made our experiences more pleasant, we want to give you a glimpse of some of the activities which have made this a memorable school year. So to you — Miss Chambers, Miss Dorland, and Mr. Katcher — we dedicate this, the 1953 AMBASSADOR....

To fill the positions you left came three new teachers, completing our staff. We felt strange at first, but as with them we puzzled over relative pronouns, played baseball, discussed our problems, we have become not "new" and "old" folks, but a united school family. We have been students and teachers, but more than that, we have been friends . . .



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What is a Christian education? It is the training of the head, the hand, and the heart in order to prepare children and youth for the duties and responsibilities of life. In addition to providing mental discipline and physical training, it strengthens the character and fortifies the mind against evil so that every motive and desire will conform to the great principles of right.

Christian education is based on the Word of God, which is the perfect standard of truth, and as such should be given the highest place in education.

"True education means more than a pursual of a certain course of study. It means more than a preparation for the life that now is. It has to do with the whole being, and with the whole period of existence possible to man. It is the harmonious development of the physical, the mental, and the spiritual powers. It prepares the student for the joy of service in this world, and for the higher joy of wider service in the world to come." — Education, page 15.

Young people, avail yourselves of this kind of education, at whatever cost. Only the best is worthy of your endeavors; and it will pay abundantly in present compensations and in the eternal reward.

Will there ever again be a group of Seniors with so much class spirit? Or such a fun-loving class as our Juniors? Suitcases are packed now, as some prepare to leave, never to return as students. The Seniors say goodbye with mixed emotions—happy at the thought of having reached their goal, saddened at the realization that they are leaving roommates, friends, teachers, and the school that has been to them a second home. The Juniors have already experienced the fun and the hard work of class organization, of being upperclassmen. With anticipation they look forward to being Seniors of 1954...





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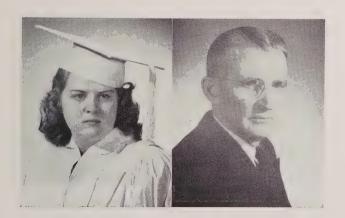
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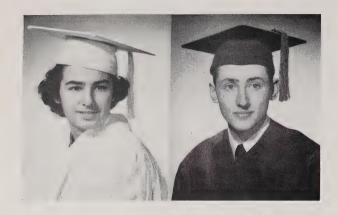
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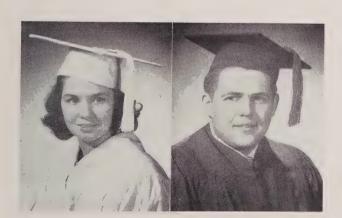
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# Seniors of '53

Aim: To Enter The Golden Gates

Motto: Out of the Harbor into Deep Channels



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Class Colors: Blue and Silver

Class Flower: American Beauty Rose



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Aim: A Closer Walk

Motto: In the Footsteps of the Master



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Class Colors: Pastels

Class Flower: Pastel Sweet Peas



JUNIOR FROLICS

Those first few lonesome days . . . those never-to-be forgotten days . . . it all seems a dream now, for we who came as freshmen and strangers leave as an important part of Academy life. And next year some of us will be upper-classmen! It seems to us, though, looking back over this year of picnics, Saturday night games — yes, and classes too—that we can never have a better time than we have had as underclassmen of T.P.A. . . .



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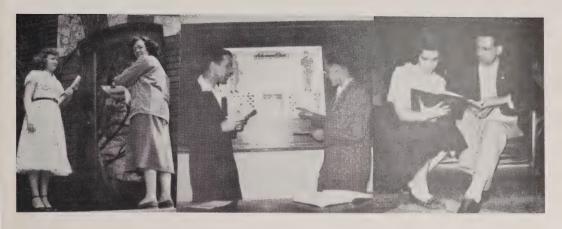
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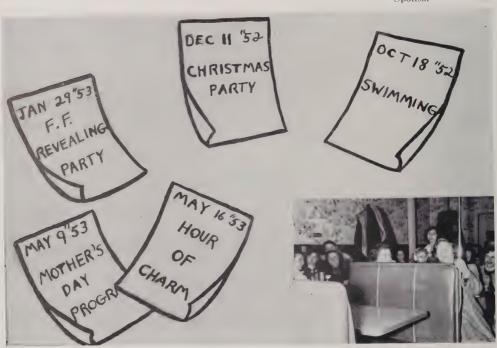




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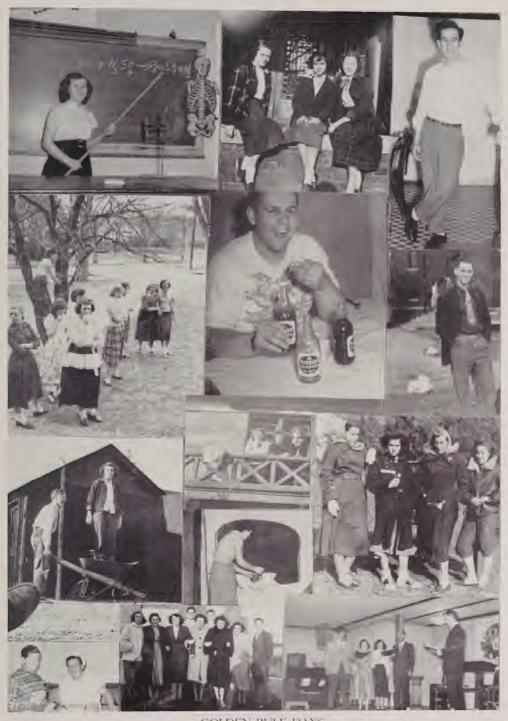


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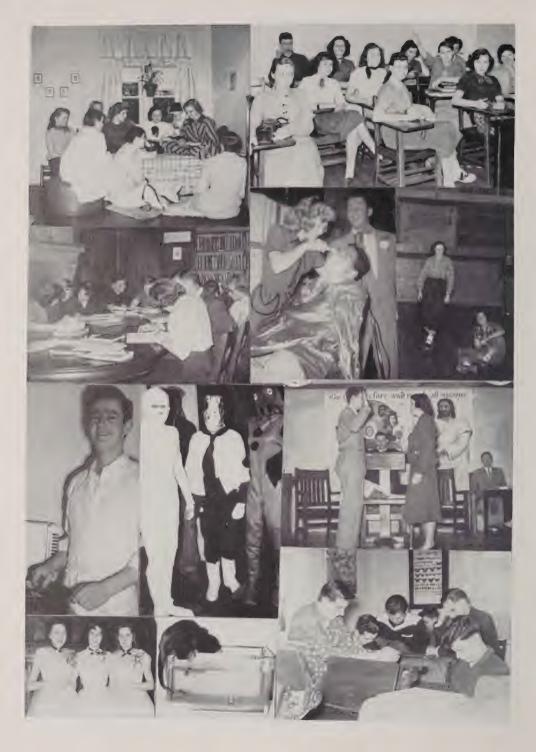


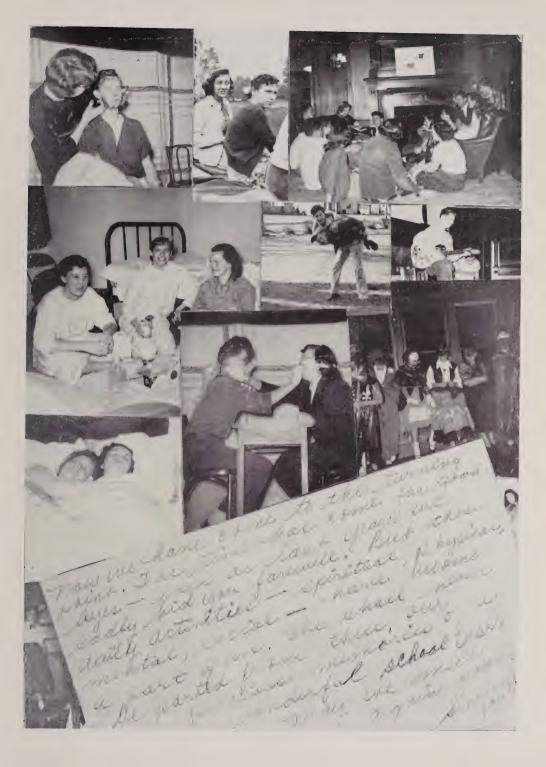


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